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Board deems man awaiting deportation a flight risk

IMMIGRATION The Immigration and Refugee Board ruled yesterday that 26-year-old Tran Trong Nghi Nguyen, also known as Jackie Tran, will stay in custody while a 2004 deportation order is appealed.

Immigration and Refugee Board's Otto Nupponen decided that Tran would stay in custody at the Calgary Remand Centre because he is considered a flight risk and because of a condition breach.

Tran was arrested earlier in the week for breach of his release conditions, after allegedly being out past his 8 p.m. curfew.

Police said Tran was ID'd when they responded to an altercation at a Kensington pub Saturday, though Tran was not a suspect in the incident.

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Flames win 5th straight

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Jolie inspires in true story

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Protest mars Olsens' event

Happy Halloween Good day for ghouls



Emily Stone, 22, decorates a tree in her front yard to get ready for a Halloween party she is having with friends tonight. Calgarians and their families will enjoy balmy temperatures when they take the little devils out trick-or-treating.

ROBIN KUNISKI/METRO CALGARY

Alberta to keep tabs on repeat offenders

ANNOUNCEMENT Premier Ed Stelmach has a message for 60 of Alberta's worst criminals identified in a new strategy to tackle crime: "We will be watching you."

Stelmach said the province plans to spend \$10.4 million over the next three years to target "15 per cent of criminals ... who commit 60 per cent of the crimes in this province."

Twenty of the 60 criminals who police will keep an eye are from Edmonton and another 20 are from Calgary, said Stelmach. "If you go back and reoffend, we are going to get you, but if you want to step up to the plate and clean up your life, we are here to help you in dealing with your addiction," Stelmach said, noting the 60 commit crimes to fuel drug addictions, and support will be provided if they ask for help.

Sheriffs and probation officers will closely monitor or supervise the offenders, and information they collect on the offenders will be kept at a central office. "This is something the law enforcement community should already be doing," said Alberta Liberal justice critic Kent Hehr. "This is a proposal that enforces what is already being done. Our bail officers are already doing this."

JEFF CUMMINGS/METRO CANADA

Intent

- Information on the offenders will be used by Crown prosecutors to make comprehensive bail packages.

Calgary in cabinet

Three MPs claim portfolios as Harper shuffles ministers

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It was a shuffle to remember for Calgary MPs as three local politicians were given new positions on the front line.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper bolstered the female ranks in his cabinet, adding four more to the seven that were there, and rewarded Calgary-Southeast MP Jason Kenney for behind-the-scenes work, putting him in charge of the citizenship, immigration and multiculturalism portfolio.

Calgary Nose Hill MP Diane Ablonczy held on to her

position as the minister of state in charge of small business and tourism, and Calgary Centre North MP Jim Prentice moved from industry to the environment.

Prentice told Metro he'll have his hands full ensuring his new priority gets the attention it deserves.

"We need to be stewards of the environment, we've made the commitment to Canadians that we will, but in these uncertain economic times, we also have to be stewards of the economy," Prentice said. "It's important to find an appropriate balance between the two and we're going to do our best to do that."

Prentice said he's up for the challenge, and University of Calgary environmental economics expert Elizabeth Wilman said he's got plenty of work to do. "They do have some regulatory framework in place, but the question

remains as to how effective they will be and how are they going to build on it," she said. "There has been very little discussion from the Conservatives on the environment, aside from the fact that they oppose a carbon tax."

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From left, Jim Prentice, Diane Ablonczy and Jason Kenney.

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Local



"I don't think anyone can really be fully serious about marrying a stranger. I'm not surprised they didn't get married"

Lauren Patterson, 24, when asked how she felt when the bride and groom in Energy 101.5's 2 Strangers and a Wedding didn't get married yesterday. **METRO CALGARY**

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Kids offered torch run incentive

KIDS Twenty students will get the chance of a lifetime to carry the 2010 Olympic Torch as an incentive for youth to get active.

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games. "Youth from Calgary who join the program and make a commitment to active living will have the chance of carrying the Olympic Flame," Nicola Kettlitz of Coca-Cola said. SOGO Active Calgary is \$5 million five-year youth fitness initiative designed to get young Canadians active.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

Correction

Thursday's article under the headline 'Robbed couple wants pup back' incorrectly identified the stolen three-month-old pit-bull pup as Shadow. The dog's

name is Storm. A \$1,000 reward is also being offered for the dog's return. Metro regrets the error.

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The Viscount Bennett Centre, which houses Westmount Charter School/Chinook Learning Services was locked down for the second time in two days after a man made alleged inappropriate gestures towards a 13-year-old student.

School locked down

Shut for second time because of suspicious man

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Westmount Charter School went into lockdown for the second time in less than 24 hours yesterday after allegations emerged that a man made inappropriate gestures towards a 13-year-old student.

Another child witnessed the incident, said Calgary Police Insp. Dale Flemming and police were called in around 10:30 a.m. and thoroughly combed through the building looking for their suspect, only to come up empty handed after a four-hour search.

"We had stepped up patrols this morning."

Dale Flemming

Flemming said many of the descriptors of yesterday's suspect match those of a man who ran through the building Wednesday naked, but he couldn't guarantee the same man was responsible for both incidents.

"It's a very difficult environment to police," Flemming said, noting a maze-like indoor series of corridors and the fact the building is home to two separate educational facilities.

"We did ensure we had stepped up patrols this morning and we were here for that."

Students, many who were in full-blown Halloween costumes as today is a professional development day, were taken to church across the street and kept warm in nine Calgary Transit buses.

Westmount superintendent Merv Kurtz said counseling services will be made available and a safety review is underway.



Watch School officials react to the latest incident at Westmount
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Man shot in Chestermere home invasion

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WEAPONS Two home invaders entered a Chestermere home and held a man at gunpoint before shooting him Wednesday night.

RCMP is investigating the incident and said the homeowner, who is known to police, was home alone at the time just before midnight when the men barged in with weapons.

"It could be gang-related, it could be drug related, it could be a vendetta — at this point we just don't know and we're considering everything," RCMP spokesperson Patrick Webb said.

"It could be gang-related, it could be drug related"

Patrick Webb

"We feel this wasn't a random attack and people don't have to worry someone is running around doing this," he added.

The suspects also took an undisclosed amount of money and some valuables in the invasion.

The victim is in non-life threatening condition.

Malls open to trick or treaters

CANDY Sunridge Mall is throwing their 3rd annual Halloween Spooktacular, and if you're a parent that doesn't favour the cold weather or unfriendly Friday-nighters, head down for the mall's activities, games and candy giveaways.

From 5 to 7 p.m., the mall will host six activity centres, with many stores giving away treats.

Andrea Peach, administrative coordinator for Sunridge, said the outlets really enjoy this yearly event.

"The parents really bene-

fit from the convenience," said Peach.

Market Mall will also be celebrating today with their Marvelous Maskoween Party, while select Marlborough and Chinook Mall stores hand out candy until 9 p.m.

RAIHAN ISLAM/METRO CALGARY

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Jonathon Anders Muzychka, 31, wanted on a Canada-wide warrant and by Calgary police for two financial robberies, was picked up by RCMP in Golden, B.C. Muzychka is also facing second-degree murder charges, and other charges in Manitoba. **METRO CALGARY**

Local home market looks set to plunge

RAIHAN ISLAM
for Metro Calgary

NUMBERS The Calgary Census Metropolitan Area is projected to drop in total housing starts by 17.8 per cent this year, and an additional 36.9 per cent in 2009, according to data released today by the Calgary Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

The Canadian Real Estate Association also reported Calgary leading the country with the largest price drop at eight per cent, well above the national average.

Lai Sing Louie, senior marketing analyst for CMHC, said lower multi-family and detached starts are leading factors for the drop.

"The rise of available inventory, and lower migration to Calgary is making this occur," said Louie.

Economic growth will still continue in the city, but it is expected that the number of homes being built will come to decline from past years.



The Lougheed House is one of several historical Calgary homes with haunting stories as a part of their longstanding tradition.

Calgary's real haunted houses

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If you're looking for some real scares this Halloween and the set-up haunted houses aren't doing it for you, check out some of Calgary's real horror houses.

Some may not know it but Calgary actually has quite the haunted history, according to Ghost Tours owner Johanna Lane.

"Oh wow, there are so many. We have had so many people tell us stories

Morbid history

- The Deane House has a morbid history, including the murder-suicide deaths of Irma and Roderick Umperville in 1971.

about things they have seen all over," she said.

Some of the scariest?

Witnesses report encounters with a ghostly couple dancing to music in the Lougheed House ballroom — when there was no music playing, Lane said. The Deane House at Fort Calgary is another one

It's also said a man fell to his death, a young woman jumped to her death and a man was gunned down.

of Calgary's haunts, known for strange incidents occurring to people on the ghost tours.

"People have been pushed down while walking and they have seen people in the basement who weren't really there," Lane said.

And who can forget the

Canmore Opera House and Prince House, both at Heritage Park?

The opera house was used as a real-life morgue and people have often reported seeing ghosts there. Many people claim there is a woman holding a baby in the third floor of the Prince house, though the door remains locked to this day.

"So many people have seen this first-hand. While I haven't, I would really like to, but maybe that's why I haven't yet," Lane added.

Alberta promises new funding for homeless program

PLAN The province announced a program yesterday that will help 60 homeless people going in and out of jail find a home.

The new three-year, \$7.2 million project funded by the Alberta government will find housing for 60 homeless people who are spending time in jail for bylaw tickets they can't afford to pay.

"We are absolutely delighted and this is very much in line with the city's 10-year plan to end homelessness," Sheridan McVean of the Calgary Homeless Foundation said.

City police graduate 24 recruit members

MERITS Twenty-four recruit members of the Calgary Police Service are scheduled to graduate today at 1 p.m. from the Crowfoot Learning Centre at the Mewata Armoury in southwest Calgary.

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Condo owner hit with fines

The owner of a southwest condo building has been fined \$18,400 for three rental units, deemed unfit, including one that was condemned. Ken Blatz was levied the fines yesterday by a provincial court for the condo units in his care.

METRO CALGARY

Loonie slide could keep Calgarians at home

RAIHAN ISLAM
for Metro Calgary



Nearly a year ago this week, the Canadian dollar peaked at \$1.10, and it was being hailed as Time Magazine's Canadian

Newsmaker of the year.

With what's being coined the 'financial melt-down' due to the sub-prime mortgage and credit crisis in the U.S., the loonie has slid nearly 20 per cent in recent months.

Calgarians planning

travel during the holiday season are a little more leery with the drop of the dollar against the U.S. greenback.

"My family and I took two vacations down to the States last year," says Gabriela Rodriguez, deli

clerk at Safeway Foods.

"We took advantage of the dollar being so high, but now I wouldn't have the guts to go down there."

According to the U.S. Travel and Tourism industry, Canadians frequent the States every year more

than any other country in the world.

Despite the downturn, some, like Marla Fujita say Calgarians just need to stop complaining.

"Our dollar being so high up at that time was like a sale. Either you took

advantage of it or you didn't," says Fujita.

"You would have to be a crazy if you didn't expect the dollar plunging back down. It's the nature of our money.

"We've been through this before."



Groom Jeff Weber and bride to be Kimberly McCorkell.

Tying the NOT

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RADIO STATION Nice to meet you ... I don't — but I will go on a date with you.

That was the exchange between Energy 101.5's 2 Strangers and A Wedding bride and groom yesterday at Canada Olympic Park.

The pair met during the radio station's matchmaking contest, and ultimately at the altar to decide if they wanted to get married.

"We both came into this believing that a connection was made, but we have both decided that we want and need more time," 24-year-old groom Jeff Weber said, before asking bride, 34-year-old Kimberly McCorkell, on a date.

"This has really been a whirlwind," McCorkell explained.

Ex Craig Nelson posted billboards and websites trying to get McCorkell to marry him, but left the wedding when the bride accepted a date with Weber.

"He is really hurting. He really cares about Kim, but she has decided to see where things go and I support her decision," the bride's father Terry McCorkell said.

The dramatic scene didn't interrupt the ceremony, where people celebrated the connection made, Energy 101.5's program director Rob Mise said.

"Everyone has exes, and he was invited by the family so we respected that, but we're also happy he respected our process," Mise said adding, "I still believe love is blind."

The bride and groom were chosen by the radio station's listeners as part of the social experiment.

What you need to know about

paying your 2008 Alberta health care premiums

Payments and registration. Keep them both current.

Albertans will no longer be billed for new health care premiums in 2009, however, premium payments owing to December 31, 2008, remain in effect. This means that Albertans must continue to pay 2008 premiums or, if applying for new coverage, register and pay the required premiums.

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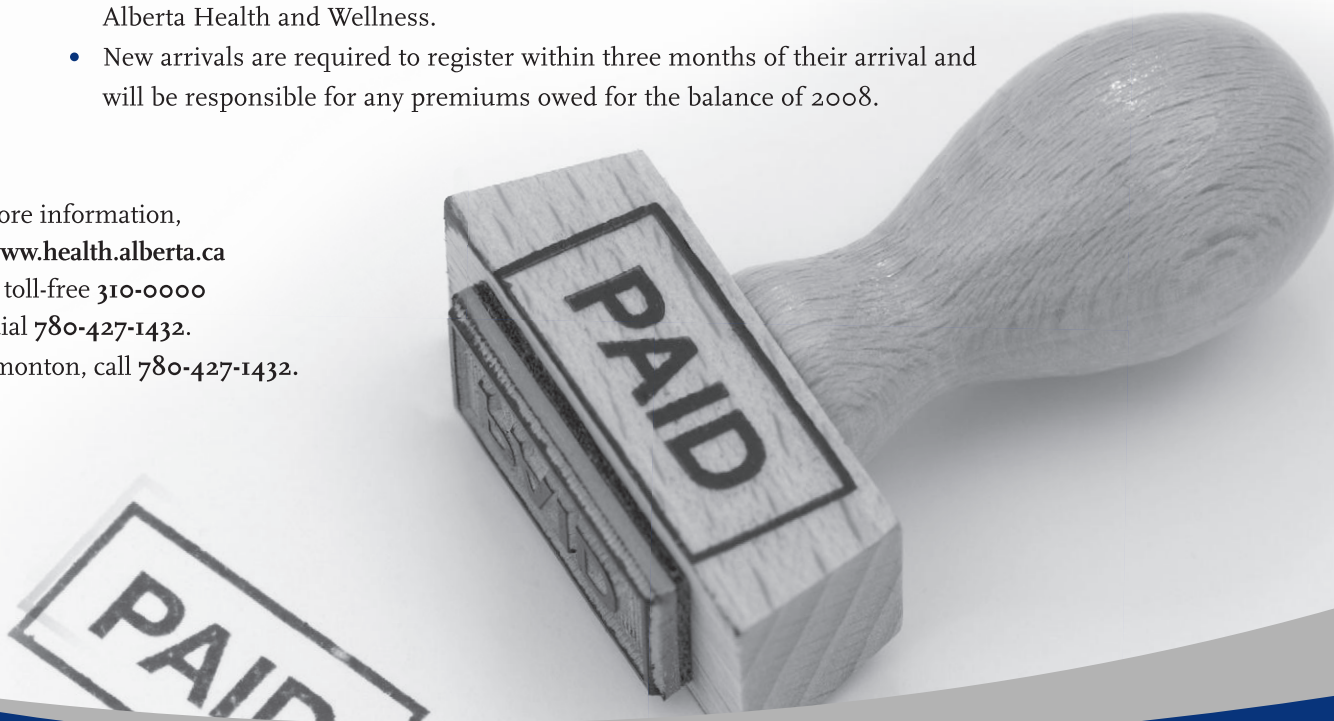
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Alberta Health and Wellness will be collecting premiums beyond December 31 until all outstanding premiums are paid and will continue to pursue those collections. As well, those who are paying Alberta Blue Cross Non-group insurance premiums, or other supplemental health premiums, will continue to pay in 2009 as those premiums will remain in effect.

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- If you have had a change in name, address, dependants or marital status, please notify Alberta Health and Wellness.
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A new study has shown a link between setting clocks forward or back and heart attack risk. Setting clocks forward in the spring correlates with a five per cent increase in heart attacks for one week, while setting clocks back reduces risk of heart attacks for a day. **METRO CANADA**

Canada



Downturn hits food banks

Canada's food banks may have a harder time feeding the poor this winter as the global economic crisis leads major companies to slash donations, the nation's food bank association said yesterday. While big companies provide the bulk of the food donations, individual giving has also dropped as economic gloom forces people to rein in spending, the association said. **REUTERS**

News in brief

MANITOBA The fire that killed two boys on the Opaskwayak Cree Nation this week was started by a group of kids playing inside a locked shed, police said Wednesday, CBC News Online reports. Ethan Flett, 6, and Gerrod Head, 7, died after they became trapped in a wooden garden shed in the yard of a house that had been destroyed by a suspicious fire earlier this year.

MONTREAL Though a rather outsized figure on television, Ben Mulroney kept his wedding decidedly small. The son of the former prime minister and host of eTalk Daily and Canadian Idol married fashion stylist Jessica Brownstein yesterday at St. Patrick's Basilica in downtown Montreal in front of about 60 to 75 people, according to guests.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Cabinet gets a feminine face

The federal cabinet got a more feminine touch after a higher proportion of women than ever before joined the upper ranks of government yesterday.

The shuffle put 11 women into the 38-member cabinet — eight as full ministers and three as

junior ministers — including three rookie members of Parliament given senior portfolios.

The new female ministers are: Lisa Raitt, minister of natural resources; Leona Aglukkaq, health minister; Gail Shea, minister of fisheries and

oceans; and Lynn Yelich, minister of state for western economic diversification.

Women returning to cabinet are: Josée Verner, minister of intergovernmental affairs; Rona Ambrose, minister of labour; Diane Finley, minister of

human resources and skills development; Bev Oda, minister of international co-operation; Diane Ablonczy, minister of state for small business and tourism; and Marjory LeBreton, government Senate leader.

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The Picton Castle moves through Halifax Harbour in 2004. Crew member Laura Gainey died in 2006, after being swept off the ship's deck during a storm.

TSB releases report on Gainey death

JENNIFER TAPLIN
for Metro Canada



Deciding to set sail with a storm approaching, and a lack of safety nets were just two of the contributing factors in Laura Gainey's death.

The final report by the Transportation Safety Board released yesterday examined how Gainey was swept off the deck of the Picton

Castle on Dec. 8, 2006.

"We came to the conclusion that with strong safety measures in place, loss of life can be avoided," said Paul van den Berg, the investigator in charge.

The Picton Castle had already delayed its departure from Lunenburg, N.S., because of the weather, and they were under financial pressure to get going.

The crew was exhausted when the captain gave

them all shots of rum during the storm, a practice the report called "questionable."

When Gainey was swept away by a large wave, two crew members at the helm immediately heard screams from the port side aft.

Gainey was briefly spotted in the water, but the crew was unable to maintain visual contact.

The search was called off several days later.

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Archaeologists in Israel said yesterday they had unearthed the oldest Hebrew text ever found, while excavating a fortress city overlooking a valley where the Bible says David slew Goliath. **REUTERS**

World



Iraqi Prez wants security deal done

Iraqi President Jalal Talabani urged a swift conclusion yesterday to a long-delayed security pact with the United States that would allow U.S. troops to stay in Iraq through 2011. The agreement, which will replace a United Nations mandate that expires at the end of the year, appeared finalized as late as last week, until Iraqi leaders said they were seeking several changes to the text. Washington is now reviewing the proposals. **REUTERS**



Benedict considers stalling on Pius XII

SAINTHOOD Pope Benedict told Jewish leaders yesterday he was "seriously considering" freezing the sainthood

process of his Nazi-era predecessor Pius XII until historical archives can be opened, one Jewish leader said.



Benedict

Some Jews have accused Pius, who reigned from 1939 to 1958, of turning a blind eye to the Holocaust. **REUTERS**

Bombings claim at least 68 in India

Eleven bomb blasts in quick succession ripped through the main city of India's troubled northeastern Assam state and three other towns yesterday, killing at least 68 people and wounding 335, police said.

No one has so far claimed responsibility for the bomb blasts, which security analysts said appeared to be co-ordinated.

Assam has been a focus of a separatist insurgency for decades, but it has also recently suffered bomb attacks blamed on Islamist militants from neighbouring Bangladesh.

Many of yesterday's blasts were in crowded markets in the state, and

Islamist militants

- Security analysts and military intelligence officials said the Assam blasts, the worst attack in the troubled northeast, bore the hallmarks of strikes by Islamist militants.

many bombs were hidden in motorcycles or scooters.

Firefighters doused the smouldering remains of cars and motorcycles at one of the blast sites in Guwahati. One of the blasts targeted a high-security zone with a court as well as offices and the homes of senior police of-

ficials.

Television channels showed some people lying on the streets, their clothes soaked in blood. Some of the walking wounded were helped into ambulances by bystanders and police.

"Immediately after the blast there was complete darkness for a while, and I later saw several bodies and severed limbs all around," said Bikash Goyal, a witness in Guwahati.

A spokesman at Assam's chief minister's office said 36 people were killed in four blasts in Guwahati. The other 32 people were killed in three other towns in the state. **REUTERS**

Vatican looks to psych test priests

CATHOLIC Candidates for the Catholic priesthood should undergo psychological tests to screen out heterosexuals unable to control their sexual urges and men with strong homosexual tendencies, the Vatican said yesterday.

In a new document — the second in three years to deal with the effects of a sexual abuse scandal that rocked the Church six years ago — the Vatican said the early detection of "sometimes pathological" psychological de-

fects in men before they become priests would help avoid tragic consequences.

Seminary rectors and other officials should use outside experts if they cannot handle the screening themselves, it said.

"The Church ... has a duty of discerning a vocation and the suitability of candidates for the priestly ministry," said the document from the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education. **REUTERS**

News in brief

CLIMATE Both Antarctica and the Arctic are getting less icy because of global warming, scientists said yesterday in a

study that extends evidence of man-made climate change to every continent. **REUTERS**



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The rate of new cases of diabetes soared by about 90 per cent in the United States in the past decade, fueled by growing obesity and sedentary lifestyles, U.S. health officials said yesterday. **REUTERS**

Gen. Petraeus gets a promotion

ARMY Hailed as an American hero for his role in pulling Iraq back from the brink of all-out civil war, U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus takes on an even more challenging job Friday as the head of U.S. Central Command.



Petraeus

The warrior-scholar with a doctorate in international relations from Princeton University takes responsibility for U.S. military operations in a volatile swathe of the world that includes Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Iran and the Gulf. **REUTERS**



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U.S. Democratic presidential nominee Senator Barack Obama holds up a pumpkin he bought during his visit to the United Methodist Church Pumpkin Patch in Sarasota, Fla., yesterday.

Candidates face off over economic woes

Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama duelled over the economy yesterday in the last stretch of their fierce fight for the White House, with McCain charging Obama would not do enough to rein in oil company profits.

McCain jumped on the record quarterly profits posted by Exxon Mobil, noting Obama had supported tax breaks for the oil industry in the 2005 energy bill and said, "When I'm president, we're not going to let that happen."

"Senator Obama voted for billions in corporate

giveaways to the oil companies. I voted against it," McCain told supporters in Defiance, Ohio, as he tried to jump-start a comeback in a race that appears to be tipping toward Obama.

"If I'm elected president, we're going to stop sending \$700 billion a year to pay for oil from countries that don't like us very much," McCain said. "We're going to drill off shore and we're going to drill now."

Obama leads McCain in national opinion polls and in key states like Florida and Ohio with five days of

campaigning left before Tuesday's presidential election.

At a rally in Sarasota, Fla., Obama referred to yesterday's announcement that the U.S. economy had suffered its sharpest contraction in seven years and said the drop in gross domestic product reflected the failed Republican economic policies of McCain and President Bush.

"If you want to know where John McCain will drive this economy, just look in the rear-view mirror," he said. **REUTERS**



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Economy on top of U.S. troops' worries

ELECTION Four years ago, U.S. troops in Iraq fretted about their buddies being killed in bomb blasts and wondered how the presidential race would affect the war.

Now, with violence in Iraq sharply down and the U.S. economy in danger, they are more worried about what the winner of the Nov. 4 election will do to rescue their savings and

properties from economic collapse

"I've been following this election more than any before ... The economy is a huge issue for us," said Sergeant First Class Nathan Shay, a U.S. soldier stationed in Baghdad.

"When you call home and you hear someone lost his job ... That scares me," said Shay, who comes from Wisconsin. **REUTERS**

News in brief

SCIENCE Researchers combing the human gene map have found four more areas that affect the risk of Alzheimer's disease and believe the studies are starting to point to new and better treatments. Some of the genes, associated with the most common form of Alzheimer's, appear linked to known genetic risks for the degenerative brain disorder, the

team at Harvard Medical School in Boston reported yesterday.

REPLACED Russian President Dmitry Medvedev replaced the leader of the violent southern region of Ingushetia yesterday, a man analysts said had aggravated an Islamist insurgency with his heavy-handed rule. **REUTERS**

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Sit this one out, ladies

Women got a raw deal in U.S. election campaign

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his U.S. election cycle has been an ugly and divisive one, by any standards. As Canadians, we have the front rows on the bleacher seats for the big event, and get to see the blood and hear the broken bones much more intimately than most other countries. Still, we can't take part, but if anyone south of our border — or west of it, since Alaska has played a role of unprecedented prominence this time around — is listening, I have a suggestion to make, one offered with my tongue only slightly in cheek.

I am urging American women not to vote in this year's election. I realize that ignoring your franchise and rebuking the

19th Amendment — if only for one election — sounds absurd, especially in such a hotly contested election, but hear me out.

This has been an extraordinarily depressing election to witness, based on what I'm hearing from women on both sides of the political divide.

"I cannot predict who will win the presidential campaign," wrote women's rights advocate Helen McCaffrey in the Philadelphia Inquirer this week, "but I already know who will lose big: all women."

She describes a young male student at the community college where she teaches, wearing a "Sarah Palin Is A C—t" t-shirt "without shame or even consciousness of what he was doing." She recalls attending a Barack Obama rally where the mention of Palin's name "drew shouts of 'stone her.'" She laments that "instead of engaging Palin on the issues, critics attacked attributes that are specifically female. It is Hillary's pantsuit to the

After this election, it's hard to imagine a bright woman in either party willingly allowing herself and her family to endure this gauntlet of character assassination.

power of 10."

It was hard to ignore the treatment Hillary Clinton got in the bitter fight for the Democratic nomination, almost entirely from members of the media and political classes that identified themselves as liberal, or as supporters of her party. After this election, it's hard to imagine a bright woman in either party willingly allowing herself and her family to endure this gauntlet of character assassination.

"Thank God for election 2008," lamented Wendy Button, a speechwriter for Clinton, John Edwards and Obama, on the Daily Beast

political website.

"We can talk about the wardrobe and makeup even though most people don't understand the details about Senator Obama's plan with Iraq." A lifelong Democrat, she despairs at how her party has turned on two female candidates with such retrograde, belittling rhetoric.

It's neither likely nor perhaps even desirable, but if half of U.S. voters withdrew their franchise in protest, it would wreak havoc with pollsters and campaign operatives at the very least, and delegitimize a dispiriting and tainted election at best. It's a slap that would perhaps bring otherwise intelligent people back to their senses, and restore some decency to a process that has devolved into a shameful rebuke of a woman's right to participate in their country's political life.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Views

Dead on arrival — or it's alive, it's alive!

Watching yesterday's cabinet shuffle, one can only wonder if Mr. Harper has built something that will actually come alive — like Pinocchio, the little wooden boy created by the carpenter Geppetto.

What people tend to focus on, of course, is Pinocchio's nose, which grows when he tells a fib. But that's just the underscore of the story. The real and most astonishing thing is that he comes alive — that he lives, talks, dances and actually gets to do things, like all the other real children.

So, yesterday the prime minister created his own piece of woodwork, building a fairly large cabinet, already assessed by pundits as "bloated," full of "underperformers and newcomers," "a recognition of the GTA," "more women have a say," — with a slight emphasis on continuity.



John Wright

After all, in these unsteady times, ministers of finance and defence keep their posts because their portfolios are battlefields — and the last thing you want to change is leadership mid-fight.

But far more germane to many a scribe is this: up until this moment, a gaggle of cabinet ministers hasn't mattered worth a hill o' beans to most. It's been about one guy named Harper who called all the shots — all the time. And, while prime ministers have the right to do that, it became apparent this one — and his enablers — was

going to dictate script and pull every string. Not to be trusted, except for a couple, cabinet ministers were like sea captains who were given fine ships and crews — and sent off to sea, never to be heard from again.

But, as the summer began, there were some staff changes in the prime minister's office: old guard communicators and policy chiefs were out, new, albeit experienced, folks from Ontario, in. And just before the election we actually got to see one or two cabinet ministers actually talk to the media — seemingly independently.

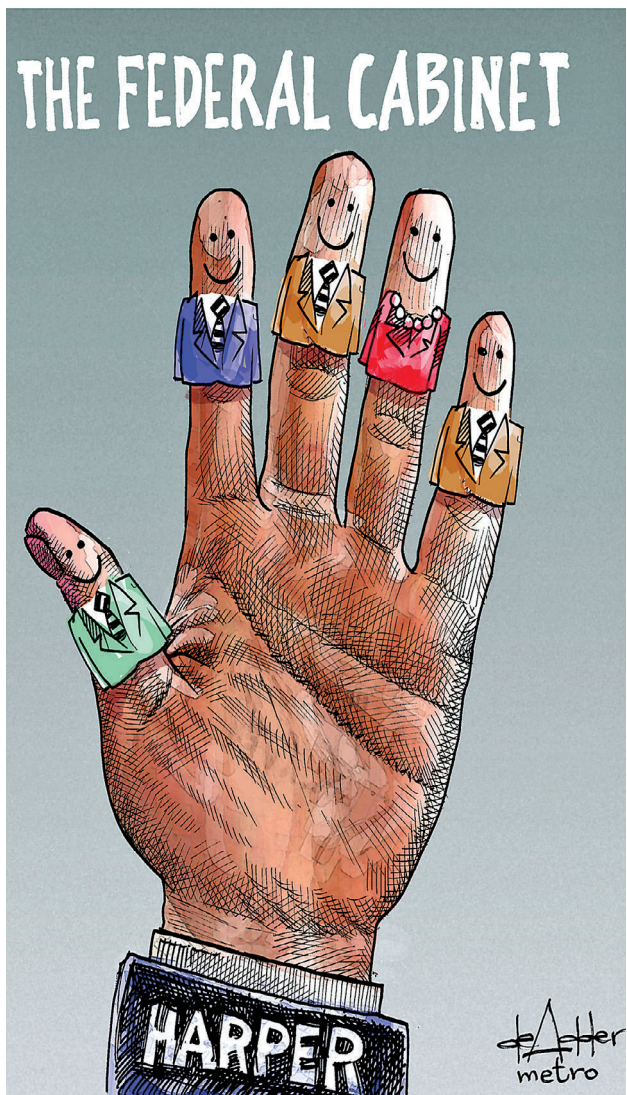
But it was the morning after the election that political observers noticed a real sea change. At his press conference, the PM looked and sounded humble, even co-operative. Pundits cocked their ears: there was something defi-

nately there — and it wasn't just weariness. Could this be the beginning of something new? Was the Ice Man thawing; warming the chill from the way things were run before?

So that's what the smart people are really wondering about in the aftermath of this shuffle. Is there really going to be more open, consensus building, a less partisan and less vociferous government and House of Commons?

The only way to know is to watch whether these cabinet ministers actually come alive, like Pinocchio, and voice their own thoughts — or whether Mister Geppetto will keep pulling the strings so tight his puppets will wish they were put to sea.

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Letters

Tarrah Lyons, CALGARY

I just have to respond to the article done on the "interpretive dances" performed at the University of Calgary LRT station to promote sustainable transportation over the past week.

Why does anyone think this is a good idea? Aren't they "preaching to the converted?"

They're dancing at the LRT

station! The only people that saw them are people getting off the train, that is, folks who are already getting themselves to work/school in a sustainable fashion!

What a waste of time!

Why weren't they dancing around in the parking lot where all the gas-guzzling cars are parked? All they did was annoy everyone by impeding their progress to the university.

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Business

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In brief

CURRENCY The loonie's rebound likely won't reach parity with the greenback again soon, analysts said, and likely won't go much higher than yesterday's rates, given vulnerable equities, little market confidence and the credit crunch.

INDUSTRY Canadian manufacturers are starting to feel the pinch from the U.S. credit crunch as customers cancel orders or delay payments, a major trade group said.

LAYOFFS American Express Co. said it will cut 7,000 jobs, slash expenses and scale back investments to save \$1.8 billion US next year, to cope with high costs and bad loans. **REUTERS**

CRTC knocks down 'fee for carriage' proposal

Canada's television regulator denied an appeal by major broadcasters to begin charging carrying fees to cable and satellite companies, averting the potential for hefty hikes to Canadians' television bills.

Big broadcasters had complained to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission that it was unfair that cable and satellite companies could air their signals without paying a so-called "fee for carriage." Such fees would have likely been passed along to

consumers — likely meaning a \$2 to \$10 jump in monthly bills.

CRTC Chairman Konrad von Finckenstein said carriers were still reaping lucrative ad deals, "So clearly the industry is not on the verge of disappearing ... There is just no economic rationale for doing it."

Canada's largest cable company, Rogers Communications Inc., welcomed the ruling, which they said could have added millions in costs and meant higher monthly bills for subscribers. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Imperial Oil posts record Q3 profits


ENERGY Imperial Oil Ltd.'s third-quarter profit surged 70 per cent as crude prices hit records before the world financial crisis led to

a steep drop, the oil producer and refiner said.

Imperial earned a company-high \$1.4 billion, or \$1.57 a share, in the quar-

ter, up from year-earlier \$816 million, or 88 cents a share — above a Reuters' estimate of \$1.22 a share.

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ESPN says the U.S. presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain are planning to participate in one-on-one interviews via satellite that would air during this coming week's Monday Night Football, one day before the American election. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports



Burnett may opt out by Monday

ESPN is reporting that Blue Jays pitcher A.J. Burnett expects to decide whether to exercise the opt-out clause in his contract before the start of the Major League Baseball general managers' meetings on Monday. Burnett posted an 18-10 record with a 4.07 ERA this season and ranked third in the major leagues in strikeouts behind Tim Lincecum and C.C. Sabathia.

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Daymond Langkow slams Boston's Dennis Wideman into the boards last night.

Five in a row for Flames

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LAURENCE HEINEN
for Metro Calgary

THE SKINNY: Dion Phaneuf and Michael Cammalleri each tallied a goal and an assist as the Flames won their fifth straight game to improve to 6-3-1.

THE SHOOTING GALLERY:

It took until the 7:30 mark of the first period until Dustin Boyd finally directed a puck on the Boston net for the Flames, who wound up outshooting the Bruins 38-31, including 20-9 in the second period.

PHANEUF IS ENOUGH:

When Phaneuf chipped the puck over a diving Tim Thomas and into the net during a Calgary man advantage early in the second period, it ended the Boston netminder's shut-out streak at 154:43.

THE BIG SAVE:

Miikka Kipru-

soff was in perfect position to stop a close-in shot off the stick of Boston captain Zdeno Chara with 38 seconds left in the game.

THE BIG SMILE:

Boyd grinned from ear to ear after the second-year forward scored his second goal of the season. The third-period goal stood up as the game winner.

THE NEXT GAMES:

The Flames head to California for games on Saturday against the Kings (8 p.m., CBC, Fan 960) and Sunday against the Ducks (6 p.m., Sportsnet, Fan 960).

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Does neutral site make sense?

YorkReport

Marty York

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The weather woes in Philadelphia earlier this week are producing proposals for drastic changes to future World Series. Former major-league manager **Whitey Herzog**, for example, is leading a movement for Series to be played at neutral venues that could seat 75,000 spectators in domes or warm-weather stadiums. "You could call it World Series Week," Herzog said. "You've got the old school saying you'd take the Series away from the home fans and all that, but that's stupid since hometown fans (because of high ticket prices) don't get to see the World Series anyway."

I like it.

A gold-medal-winning rower at the recent Summer Olympics in Beijing is taking part in the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. As a fundraiser.

Malcolm Howard of the men's eight rowing squad is eying at least \$1-million in donations for Canada's win-

ter Olympians.

"My success led me to think about how I could make a real and lasting difference in Canada," Howard, a Harvard graduate, explained. "How could I help Canada have more golden moments? I come from winning in a rowing eight, where we push and help each other achieve excellence. Now that I've achieved my dream, I can help other athletes achieve theirs. I have had the opportunity to meet many Canadian athletes. We all share the passion, the dedication and the dream. Unfortunately, most of us struggle financially. I know the importance of direct funding." Check out www.Malcolmsmillion.com.

So **Mike Singletary** was making his debut as the San Francisco 49ers' head coach

last Sunday, his team was trailing 20-3 after two quarters, and he decided he needed to motivate his players at halftime.

So he dropped his pants. And pointed to his rear end. And used this visual to describe what was happening to his team. And kept his pants around his ankles for four minutes. Didn't work.

The 49ers were beaten 34-13 by the Seattle Seahawks.

Don't be surprised if:

Pat Gillick, who led the Phillies to the championship this week as their GM, resurfaces at 71 as a high-level consultant with the Blue Jays.

Mats Sundin, a highly coveted NHL free agent, signs for megabucks with the Senators before January.

Brendan Shanahan, who can't return to the New York Rangers because of cap issues, joins the New Jersey Devils within a week.

Michael Clemons, who as chief of the Argonauts did not endear himself to ownership during a dreadful 2008 season, remains in the Toronto organization next year only if he agrees to return as head coach.

And please visit www.metronews.ca for my latest CFL Report.

Chip off the block

The father of Boston Bruins star Phil Kessel is a former CFL quarterback. Phil Kessel Sr. played briefly for the Stampeders in 1982. "I may have gotten some skill from my dad," Kessel Jr. said, "but I got my speed and athleticism from my mom (Kathy, a former track-and-field star in U.S. college.)"

Alfredsson re-signs with Senators

NHL The Ottawa Senators signed captain and all-time leading scorer Daniel Alfredsson to a four-year contract extension on Thursday with the Swede almost certain to finish his career in the Canadian capital. Media reports said the deal was worth \$22 million to



Alfredsson. "The Senators organization and the city of Ottawa have embraced both me and my family as part of this community," Alfredsson

told reporters at a news conference. "It's an exciting time for our family to know that we'll be able to spend the rest of my NHL career in Ottawa." Alfredsson is the franchise leader in games played (861), goals (334), assists (522) and points (856).

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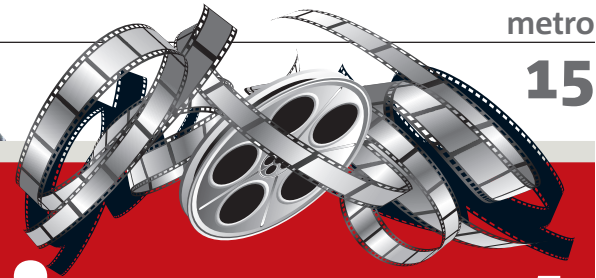
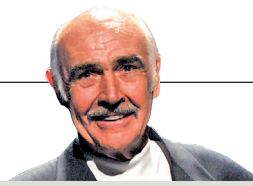
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Return from retirement rumour snuffed out

Former James Bond star Sir Sean Connery has denied reports he is set to come out of retirement for one last film with actor Orlando Bloom. IMDB.COM



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Jolie's mother role

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Angelina Jolie gives a striking, distraught performance of a woman in a time of excessive subservience, rising up against her persecutors in Clint Eastwood's movie *Changeling*. You have to remind yourself that the film is based on a true story.

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This Bond girl is different, says actress Olga Kurylenko.

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Often,
there are
no signs or
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Changeling

Director: Clint Eastwood
Stars: Angelina Jolie, John Malkovich
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Shortly after the title dissolves from the screen at the beginning of *Changeling*, it's immediately followed by three words — a true story.

If you don't remind yourself of that over the next two-plus hours, you might find this drama somewhat overwrought.

Directed by legendary

Changeling inspiring

icon Clint Eastwood — who only gets better with age — *Changeling* tells the emotional journey of Christine Collins (Angelina Jolie), a single mother in 1920s Los Angeles who comes home to find her son missing.

Following weeks of searching relentlessly, the police suddenly show up with her child, reporters in tow. Great. Only there's a catch: It ain't him. The problem is that in 1928, the corrupt LAPD had a horrendous public-relations dilemma, so some clod in the force thought it'd be a slick move to replace Collins's son with another kid, hoping she wouldn't notice.

When she obviously and very publicly does, the LAPD does the only thing it can: Make life hell for the poor mom.

Now, what was it rappers

NWA used to say about the LAPD again?

Jolie gives a striking, distraught performance of a woman in a time of excessive subservience, rising up against her persecutors "and the horse they rode in on." As pedestrian as those words read, she makes them sing.

Meanwhile, Eastwood creates a moody, authentic world here, capturing great performances and turning a seemingly diminutive tale into compelling drama. As bulky as this film is, its riveting story never tires, and more so, it inspires.

In today's political climate, it's no mistake that many films are decrying the power of institutions and heralding the characters that rise above them.

Who knew that at age 78, Eastwood was still a rebel?



Angelina Jolie delivers a striking performance in *Changeling*.

RocknRolla cool and fun

RocknRolla

Director: Guy Ritchie
Stars: Gerard Butler, Tom Wilkinson
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●●½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Man, that Guy Ritchie just can't catch a break. In his hometown of London — where *RocknRolla* has already been released — critics have unfairly panned the British director's latest film.

It seems the central complaint with *RocknRolla* is that it's too similar to those ol' nuggets of cinematic yore. Like those acclaimed crime dramas, *RocknRolla* does explore a familiar criminal element of the London underground; namely, those involved in a complex real estate scam gone wrong.

We have the hard-edged mobster (played to perfection by Tom Wilkinson), a Russian billionaire (Karl Roden), a petty street crook (Gerard Butler) and many other seedy characters.

Sure, a lot of the appeal is all flash and visual flair, and the overload of subplots does complicate matters, but one cannot overlook how fun the dialogue and double-crosses are. So what if *RocknRolla* may be familiar turf; if you miss the Guy Ritchie of the '90s, you will appreciate what you're in for.

Also in theatres

- Also opening this week is the horror film *The Haunting of Molly Hartley*. There are no pre-screenings of the movie, but read Monday's edition of Metro for a full review.

Zack and Miri sweet and raunchy

Zack and Miri Make a Porno

Director: Kevin Smith
Stars: Seth Rogen, Elizabeth Banks
Classification: 18A
Rating: ●●●●½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW *Zack And Miri Make A Porno* hits screens amidst a sea of controversy. The initial poster was banned in America and several multiplexes are refusing to play the film ... and all because the word "porno" is in the title.

If any of the offended parties actually watched the film, they would discover that it is actually a very sweet romantic come-



Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks play the title duo in Kevin Smith's *Zack and Miri Make a Porno*.

dy about two best friends discovering their love for one another. Granted, they discover it while having sex on camera for a quick buck — but it is very sweet nonetheless.

There's only one man

who could have made this movie, and that's Kevin Smith. Ever since his inspirational micro-budget debut, Smith has been the reigning master of raunchy dialogue-driven comedies-with-heart.

Over the last few years, the writer/director has seen his once-controversial style enter the mainstream thanks to filmmaker Judd Apatow. But rather than be upset, Smith has welcomed members of the Apatow

ensemble into his team. Seth Rogen, Elizabeth Banks, Justin Long, and Craig Robinson have joined Smith veterans Jason Mewes and Jeff Anderson to create one of the best movies of Smith's career.

Summarizing the plot is pointless, because the title says it all. It's also a good litmus test. If the title makes you laugh you'll probably enjoy the movie. The film is every bit as raunchy and hilarious as you'd imagine.

Make no mistake; this is a silly R-rated comedy that certainly won't go down as one of the greatest films ever made. But the characters are so well drawn, the underlying message so sweet, and the jokes so consistently funny.

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This Bond girl is 'different'

Movie feature

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada

Olga Kurylenko has joined a long line of iconic actresses who've assumed the mantle of Bond girl.

The Ukrainian-born model made an impressive debut in a series of French films before being cast in Quantum of Solace as Camille, a Colombian out for revenge after the death of her parents — a revenge that ends up complimenting the quest of Daniel Craig's grieving Bond to avenge the death of Vesper Lynd (Eva Green) at the end of Casino Royale.

What remains to be seen is whether Kurylenko will join the ranks of Bond co-stars such as Diana Rigg and Halle Berry, for whom Bond meant merely a role, or disappear with Daniela Bianchi and Lois Chiles into Bond footnotes.

In either case, she'll have a unique place among the tiny minority



Olga Kurylenko joins Daniel Craig in Quantum of Solace.

of Bond co-stars who don't end up in bed with the British superspy.

"She's different," Kurylenko says about her Camille. "She's like a Bond in a female body. She's almost equal to him. What is nice is that in this film she has her own story; she exists without Bond. She has her own thing to do, her own mission. She's like his reflection."

As for Craig as Bond, Kurylenko has nothing but praise. "I thought he was one of the best Bonds. Everyone has their own opinion, but he's more believable. He's tough — you believe he can break your neck."

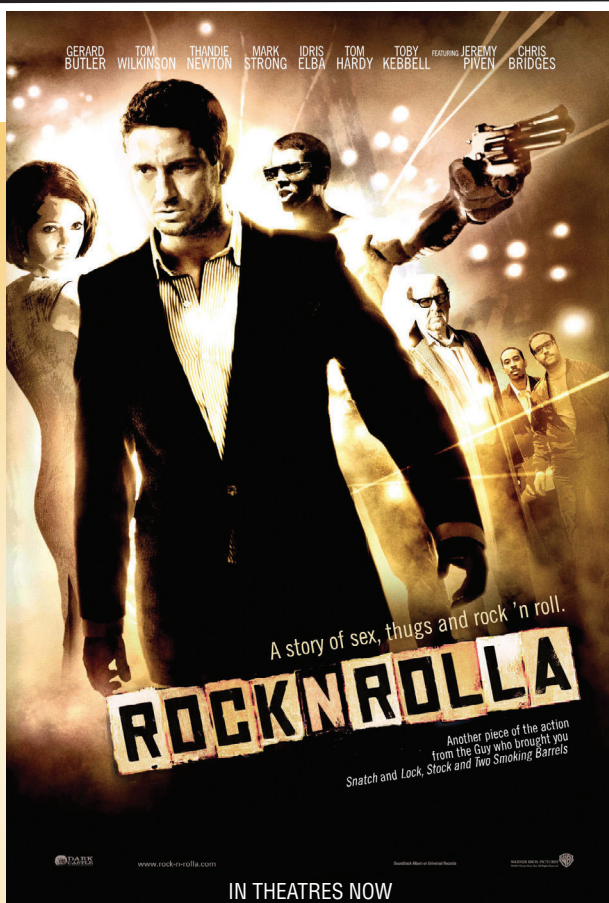
Quantum of Solace di-

rector Marc Forster came to Bond from a very different place. The Swiss director is better known for more intimate, even arty films such as The Kite Runner and Monster's Ball.

He echoes Kurylenko's assessment of what she brought to Bond.

"I saw tapes from all over the world, beautiful women, but either they couldn't act in English, or they weren't real enough, or didn't have any depth. And then I met 15 women in London, and I thought three or four were interesting, and I had them read with Daniel, and I thought Olga was the most truthful and would be a good mirror image for him."

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Hathaway learned to love Kym

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada

FEATURE If you've had anything like a normal life, you've probably known someone like Kym, the character Anne Hathaway plays in Jonathan Demme's *Rachel Getting Married*, which opens next week.

Emotionally draining and endlessly self-justifying, Kym is the centre of her own pre-Copernican emotional universe — her own worst enemy, but everyone else's as well, if only because of her inability to tell the difference between honesty and an inability to edit herself.

When Hathaway sits down for an interview after the film's premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival in September, I couldn't help but tell her that, as much as I respected her performance, I've known my share of Kyms, and time spent with them is like a colonoscopy.

"Thank you," Hathaway laughs. "With or without anesthetic?"

"One of the things I love about Kym is people's reaction to her. I think that's an awesome interpretation of her — Kym is the kind of person I would be friends with and I am friends with. So for me, the hard part was not being compelled to make her likeable.

"I wasn't as concerned



Anne Hathaway plays against type as the emotionally draining Kym in *Rachel Getting Married*.

with making her sympathetic as much as I wanted to make sure people understood that however she is ... she's being absolutely herself.

"She's just being herself, and once I figured that out ... it was a very gushy moment that helped me realize what love is, and that it really is without limits ... This character really changed my life and the way I view the world."

Hathaway's Kym is already attracting Oscar buzz, and one of the journalists at the TIFF table with Hathaway and Demme asks if she feels pleased that she's exceeded the expectations of people who might only know her from films like *The Princess Diaries*.

Hathaway is visibly irritated by the question, and

says that, "I've never defined myself by the way other people did ... The person I've always been is an actress."

"Are you saying it wasn't cool to do something completely different?" Demme loudly bursts in, mischievously goading his leading lady.

"Of course it was cool to do something completely different!" she shouts back at the director.

"But not for the reason he was asking me. It wasn't cool because I'd done *The Princess Diaries*. It was cool because you're a f—king great director, and Kym's an amazing character. That's why it was cool.

"It was cool on its own merit," she says, "not because it was a response to anything."



David Schwimmer, Jada Pinkett Smith, Ben Stiller and Chris Rock have returned to their voice-roles in *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa*.

Animal crackers

Voicing animated character is no easy gig

STEVE GOW
Metro Canada

What do Ben Stiller, Chris Rock and Cedric the Entertainer have in common? Well, if you guessed they all deliver the funniest lines in the new animated hit *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa*, you'd only be partly right.

Returning to their respective vocal roles from 2005's huge family hit, *Madagascar*, those funny-men — along with no less than three other voice talents — all come from a stand-up comedy background.

"(Producers are) looking for somebody that can make whatever they write

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funny or funnier somehow," insists Cedric the Entertainer.

"I think the idea is that (comedians) can at least bring it to life because that's the hardest part about it: (Voicing) in a room, doing it by yourself with nobody else to bounce it off of."

It's true. Like most animated films, *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa* — in theatres next Friday — recorded most of its performances separately. Sure, it sounds like an easy gig — you read your part, collect a cheque and go home — but as Ben Stiller attests, it's not that simple.

"I think the key is you want it to be fun," says the actor. "If you go (into the recording studio) and you're down or if you're low energy or you're not into it that day, then it's not going to be a good session and you're probably going to have to come back."

This comedy is definitely not short on spirit. Stuck in *Madagascar*, Alex the lion (Stiller), Marty the zebra (Rock) and the rest of the Manhattan zoo-raised crew try to return home only to get as far as Africa, where they soon discover their roots.

As with the first film, the jokes are fast, furious and come from all angles.

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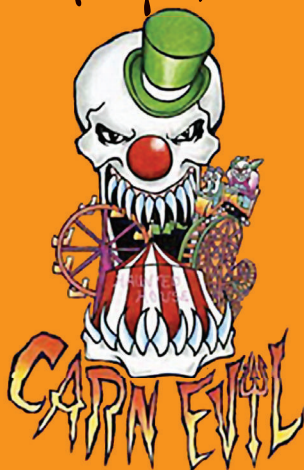
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Award-winning Frozen River feels artificial and laborious

Frozen River

Director: Courtney Hunt
Stars: Melissa Leo, Misty Upham
Classification: R
Rating: ●●●

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW This Sundance-winner has all the prerequisites of serious American independent cinema: A gritty real-world milieu (a snowbound stretch of New York state right along the 49th parallel), a nicely unvarnished visual style, and a pertinent, complex social issue (illegal border crossing) at its centre.

And yet, *Frozen River* feels artificial, both in its dramatic particulars and its interest in its poverty-line-towing characters.

Certainly, there's finesse in Melissa Leo's lead performance.

This marvelous actress — so good during her stint on NBC's *Homicide: Life on the Street* — brings authentic shading and an impressive lack of vanity to Ray, a struggling single mother trying to keep her family afloat after the departure of their deadbeat dad.

Circumstance — or perhaps ambitious screenwrit-

ing — brings Ray together with Lila (Misty Upham), a Mohawk woman who supports herself by aiding human traffickers.

Before you can say "second act," the pair have forged an uneasy partnership, with Ray spitting carefully measured invective about her car trunk's new foreign inhabitants (all the better to set up her inevitable sympathetic reversal).

A laboriously constructed morality tale that imposes after-school-special lessons about tolerance on its miserable characters is one thing; a laboriously constructed morality tale strewn with obvious symbolism (a Christmas Eve miracle rebirth) and screenwriting-class metaphors (one character is able to literally "see clearly" after getting a new pair of glasses) is an even more exhausting proposition.

Frozen River isn't badly made. Writer-director Courtney Hunt has an undeniable eye for whited-out exteriors, and Leo is worthy of her many plaudits.

But *Frozen River*'s manipulative construction and ultimately shallow worldview work against the film's more accomplished aspects.

Fine balance in I.O.U.S.A.

I.O.U.S.A.

Director: Patrick Creadon
Classification: G
Rating: ●●●●●

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

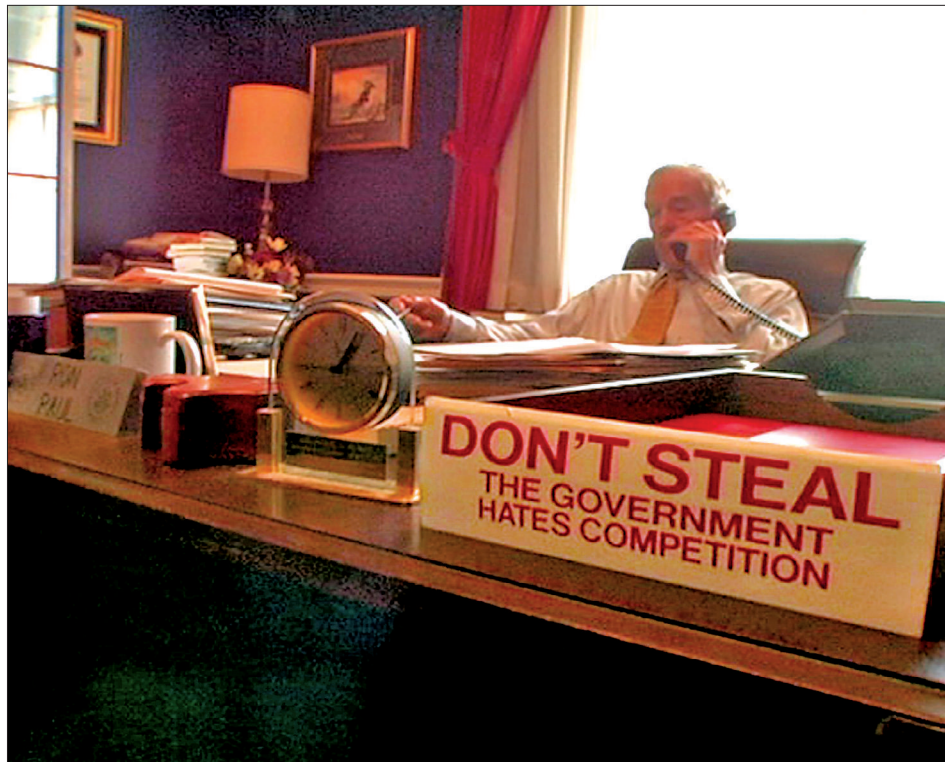
"If you don't have any money, you should not buy anything," comic Amy Poehler reads from the first chapter of a debt-management book during a Saturday Night Live sketch.

"It sounds confusing," Steve Martin chimes in with a bewildered look on his face as the audience breaks into laughter.

Clips from this SNL gag run throughout *I.O.U.S.A.* The documentary — adapted from Addison Wiggin and William Bonner's book *Empire of Debt* — serves as a metaphor for how the United States arrived at such a crippling national debt: More than \$10 trillion US.

The documentary chronicles the last 150 years of the United States economy, pointing out that the country has reached its most serious fiscal crisis in the past seven years — during the reign of President George W. Bush.

Directed and co-written by Patrick Creadon, the film offers a welcome mix of humour and devastating



Republican Congressman Ron Paul is among those who speak about the United States' growing debt in the Patrick Creadon documentary *I.O.U.S.A.*

financial facts and figures, hitting just the right balance between entertainment and education.

David Walker, former comptroller general for the United States, narrates as camera crews follow him and the Concord Coalition's Robert Bixby through 26 states on their Fiscal Wake-up Tour.

Between interviews with

the likes of former Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan, author Bonner and former treasury secretary Paul O'Neill, and clips from speeches by U.S. presidents past and present, the viewer is treated to shots of the national debt clock, which climbs ever closer to the \$9 trillion mark by the end of the film.

While *I.O.U.S.A.* may not

be quite as entertaining as a Michael Moore special, it's an important film that brings to light the trouble the American economy is facing and the fact it's likely going to get worse before it gets better. But it's not all gloom and doom, Bixby asserts near the end.

"If it were all gloom and doom, we wouldn't be doing this," he says.

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Wain makes Hollywood debut

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Writer/director David Wain has been an alternative comedy fixture for over a decade. After acting and writing on the '90s MTV series *The State*, he went on to direct such projects as *Wet Hot American Summer* and *The Ten*.

His latest directorial effort *Role Models* — opening next week — stars Paul Rudd and Seann William Scott as a pair of underachievers who are forced to join a variation of the *Big Brothers*.

It's the first time Wain has directed for Hollywood, something he admits made him nervous.

"I was really apprehensive to be honest with you," Wain said. "But in many ways, I was surprised by how similar it was to independent filmmaking. My daily work schedule was the same. I was still focused on finding the best way to tell the story onscreen."



Paul Rudd, second from left, and Seann William Scott, second from right, star in *Role Models*.

Movie feature

"Even more so than in independent film, where I had to wear so many different hats because there were fewer people working on it. In that way, it freed me to focus more on directing."

Role Models is certainly the most conventional movie he's ever made, but Wain was still able to wedge his subversive voice into the script and fill the cast with talented comedians, like the scene-stealing foul-mouthed youngster Bobb'e Thompson

Still, as with all of Wain's movies, most of the actors are familiar faces who he's collaborated with for years, some as far back as university.

"They're the guys who I banded together with when I was 18 years old and they also luckily happen to be the funniest people I know."

Though he's now officially part of the Hollywood machine, Wain plans to continue working in independent film. One of the next projects he has in mind is a prequel to his beloved cult comedy *Wet Hot American Summer*.

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Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4-7:15-9:45
Mirrors (18A) Fri-Thu 9:30
Nights in Rodanthe (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:20
Pineapple Express (18A) Fri-Thu 9:10
Step Brothers (14A) Fri-Thu 9:25
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• **Lordi, Deadache:** This costume-clad heavy metal outfit from Finland takes glam rock to the next ghoulish level. Full of monster riffs and songs like Man Skin Boots and Raise Hell In Heaven, Deadache might be the ideal soundtrack to your Halloween party. **Jarrett Churchill**



Heartbreak and Intimacy

New disc let Bloc Party front man dish on split

IAN NATHANSON
for Metro Canada



Whatever reputed breakdown occurred between Kele Okereke and his former significant other in late 2007, the singer-guitarist frontman for Bloc Party needed an outlet to vent his feelings on the matter.

"Translucent and sun bleached skin, when did you get so L.A./how can you desert me after all we've been through/Stuck on a dream that somewhere it's better/You'll be the one missing out," Okereke sings on the electronica-meets-new wave One Month Off, from the British outfit's third full-lengther, Intimacy.

"A lot of stuff went on in the past year with my personal life that really had a huge effect on me," Okereke tells Metro, though

tight-lipped on the details. "I didn't want to try and think too much about what I was saying — I wanted to write from an emotional perspective ... just get it out there and move on to the next thing."

"But in writing songs for this record, I want people to see this not only about a relationship breakup but also a celebration of a love — about falling in love and being in love. It doesn't always have to be negative."

Besides, there has been enough negative-leaning talk about Okereke — from British media speculation about his sexuality to a reported backstage dust-up between the 27-year-old and The Sex Pistols' Johnny Rotten during a summer music festival in Spain — that it almost overshadows Bloc Party's more significant changes of late.

First, Okereke, guitarist

Russell Lissack, bassist Gordon Moakes and drummer Matt Tong have ditched the traditional indie-rock stylings of their 2005 success story, Silent Alarm, and 2007 follow-up, A Weekend In The City. For Intimacy, Bloc Party veers into electronica-based territory and experimentation with Okereke's vocals — though maintaining Tong's fierce backbeats.

"In the 21st century, rock music should be taking more from electronica," Okereke says. "I know many bands will tell you the best records have been made between the 1950s and the 1970s. But with all the new technology available, why not have rock music embrace something a bit newer?"

Second, the band has opted to follow what's becoming a recent trend in the industry by releasing



Bloc Party frontman Kele Okereke, foreground, says recording new album, Intimacy, allowed him to vent about a breakup.

the new album digitally in August, two months ahead of this past Tuesday's physical CD release.

"I remember being a 16-year-old and how it was such a big deal when I bought a record by a band I liked and everyone else bought the same record and

we were all talking about that record at the same time," Okereke says. "Now that we've built up an international fan base, why not just deliver a record to our fans at the same time, rather than have somebody leak out the record online long before it comes out?"

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Rotten butter, Manson the creep and other music tidbits

SoundCheck

Alan Cross



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It's been a busy couple of weeks with a lot of stuff dropping into my inbox, into my mailbox or mysteriously across my desks (I have several offices and thus several desks.) Like the annual raking of the leaves, I thought it was time for some cleaning up.

• **The Last Pogo DVD:** Finally, someone has issued a proper visual document of one of the most infamous events in Canadian rock history: The "riot" at the Horseshoe Tavern on Dec. 1, 1978. Every music fan should have a copy (the-lastpogo.net).

• **They Want Us to Buy Vinyl Again?** Listening to actual vinyl records is on the rise again, which as precipitated a series of vinyl releases by everyone from

Led Zeppelin to the Sex Pistols. Let's see: they got us buying vinyl, then converted us to tapes, told us to upgrade to CDs, wanted us to move to digital downloads ... and now we're back to vinyl? Talk about the circle of life.

• **Battle of the Divas:** While all the attention has gone to the cage match between new albums from AC/DC and Guns N' Roses, there's a catfight set for next week

when Britney Spears, Beyoncé, Leona Lewis and Christina Aguilera all release new albums. Too bad Mariah Carey is sitting this one out.

• **Madonna's Divorce:** Ru-

Madonna apparently made Guy Ritchie leave home to eat burgers.



mours were that Madge wouldn't allow anything other than steamed fish and chicken to be served in the house. If Guy wanted a burger, he had to go down to The Punchbowl, his local pub. Don't feel bad for him, though. Part of the hushed-up settlement involves him getting Ashcombe House, their \$20 million, 1,200 acre estate in Wiltshire. He might even get \$20 million more just so he keeps his mouth shut. Madonna, meanwhile, is worth at least \$600 million US. She's fine.

• **Johnny Rotten Butter:** The former singer of the Sex Pistols is starring in a British TV commercial for Country Life Butter. No, I'm not making that up.

• **Since It's Halloween** ... A poll out this week on the 20

creepiest celebrities named Marilyn Manson at number 1 with a 76 per cent "creep factor." Michael Jackson finished second and Courtney Love ranked 11th. Keith Richards was 14th.

• **Op-Ed Bono:** He's got a new gig writing columns for the New York Times. This just goes to show that if I can get a column, anyone can.

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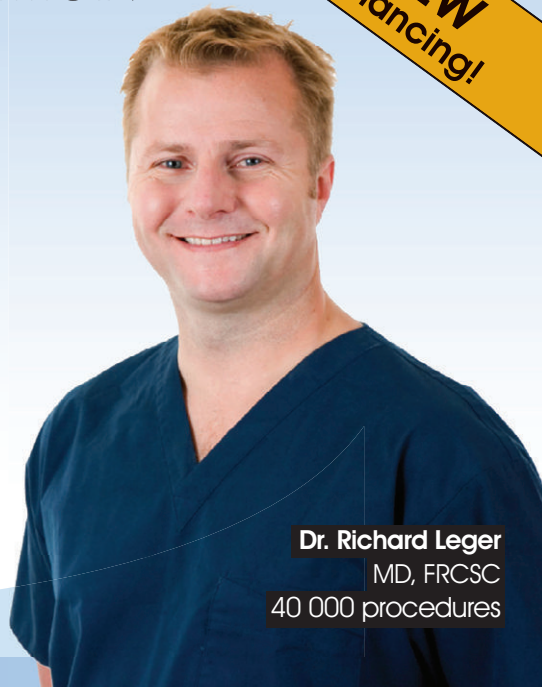
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Spears may host SNL
Pop star Britney Spears is reportedly set to host Saturday Night Live on Nov. 22, gossip website Celebuzz.com has claimed. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Television

Strong signs of Life on Mars in reworked show

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BACK TO LIFE After following its demolition derby production history over the course of the summer, and imagining its primetime

premiere as an event somewhere between the opening weekend of Gigli and the second season of Joey, I was pleasantly surprised by ABC's reworking of the BBC's time-traveling cop series Life On Mars.

This is probably why you haven't heard much from me on the subject — it's so much harder, and much less fun, to say something

nice when there are so many nasty subjects abounding on the crowded plateau of TV news. Still, it's turned into a decent bit of TV that might actually get a chance to attract an audience in this season's leper's parade of shows.

Besides Harvey Keitel, who manages to be both ubiquitous and watchable — try saying the same thing about Jimmy Smits,

"It's turned into a decent bit of TV that might actually get a chance to attract an audience in this season's leper's parade of shows."

say, or Jude Law a few years ago — one of the show's real pleasures is Michael Imperioli's take on the role of Ray Carling. As played by Dean Andrews on the British show, Carling was a relentless thug, too dim to ever take the place of his hero, DCI Gene Hunt, but with an endearing, sometimes dog-like side that redeemed him.

Imperioli's Carling is much smarter, a wisecrack machine loaded to the handlebar moustache with musky '70s masculinity. "When this came along I really liked the character, I really liked the story, I

liked the ideas they had for casting, and I liked being able to stay home with my family," Imperioli told the New York Times in a profile of the actor this week, one that also speculated on the show's rocky production history, which saw an almost total recasting of the show after a pilot was filmed, and a move from Los Angeles to New York City for both the setting and production.

"It is rare that a show gets piloted twice," said Gary Newman, co-chairman of 20th Century Fox Television, one of the show's producers. "I think a big part of it was, you

look at the version shot in Los Angeles, and it just didn't feel like 1973; it wasn't authentic. The wardrobe, the hair, the music, the buildings — it honestly is a kind of an amazing reproduction of the era."

Run through my handy television execution decoding ring, that means that the people behind the L.A. version had better have friends at the other networks, and that the New York crew had better have a few too if the show doesn't end up getting renewed. I'm quite happy to tuck into my meal of crow at this point, if only in the hope that the success of the ABC version will finally get a DVD box set of the BBC original on the store shelves here.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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Election covers TV



Mythbusters

Air date: Sunday
Network: Discovery

EVERYBODY HAS Bond fever this fall, including the guys on Mythbusters, who'll be testing the probability of 007 gadgets and stunts, including the bullet-deflecting watch, the propane tank fireball and the legendary speedboat jump in Live And Let Die. Let me guess — cool, but not a chance in hell.



MuchMusic Video on Trial

Air date: Monday
Network: MuchMusic

THIS IS — and I can't believe I'm saying this — the 100th Video on Trial episode, and it will reunite its panel of comic judges and take a look back over three years of snarky crap about the music industry, a target as broad and wide as a battleship and as easy to hit.

Rick's TV Picks



Election Night

Air date: Tuesday
Network: All U.S. networks

FRANKLY, I'm sick to death of the almost endless election cycle south of the border, but since this race has been more vicious than most, there'll probably be some actual tension in the air as the results start rolling in.
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Moon Frye and Goldberg renew their vows
Actress Soleil Moon Frye and her husband, producer Jason Goldberg, renewed their vows at their Hollywood Hills, Calif., home on Saturday after 10 years of marriage. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Protesters mob Olsens' event

CONTROVERSY A book-signing for fans of twin actresses Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen took an ugly turn when they were bombarded by a legion of angry protesters wearing mocking masks of the pair, imdb.com reports.

Fans lined up to meet the 22-year-old moguls, who were recently celebrating the release of their new coffee table book, *Influence*.

But the pair were stunned to find animal-rights activists shout-

ing outside the event — part of a campaign launched by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) against the stars for their fashion choices.

"People who still wear fur haven't woken up to the fact that a big, dead animal on your back makes you look like a troll," a PETA spokesperson tells WENN. "Compassionate fashionistas know that real beauty comes from the heart."

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Victoria to pose in underwear

PEOPLE Victoria Beckham is set to follow in the footsteps of her soccer ace husband David when she strips down to her underwear to model for fashion house Armani, imdb.com reports.

The former Spice Girl will debut as the "world-wide testimonial" for Emporio Armani Women's underwear in the spring/summer 2009 campaign.

The collaboration

comes months after David Beckham stopped traffic by posing scantily clad for the designer. His ad was unveiled on a massive billboard in California last June.

"Who better than Victoria Beckham to launch our new global Emporio Armani underwear campaign?" Giorgio Armani said in a statement.

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Biel regrets photos

IMAGE Actress Jessica Biel regrets being pressured into topless shots for a men's magazine, imdb.com reports.

Biel was reportedly persuaded to pose for the racy pictures in 2000 to shed her angelic image. But she admits she now regrets agreeing to the photo shoot.

"It was supposed to show me being sexier and more mature," she says. "The idea was: Look at me — I am a woman, growing up. I had male man-

agers at the time, who were really excited about the photo shoot. The truth is, though, I was in way over my head. I remember calling my dad and saying: 'I screwed up. I went too far and did not stand up for myself.'"

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Reid wants to start a family

FAMILY Actress Tara Reid is reportedly desperate to start a family, hinting that she is trying for kids with current boyfriend Julien Jarmoune, imdb.com reports.

The pair began dating after setting up Reid's new clothing line together. And she doesn't want to wait to settle down and start a family, telling People magazine,

"I'm ready to make a family. I want two children, a boy and a girl. And a traditional wedding, the big dress, the princess thing. What every little girl dreams of."

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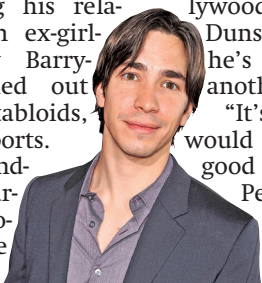
Long tired of dating celebs

RELATIONSHIPS Justin Long has sworn off dating any other celebrity because he hated having his relationship with ex-girlfriend Drew Barrymore splashed out across the tabloids, imdb.com reports.

The actor ended his year-long, high-profile romance

with Barrymore in July. Gossips have since linked him to another Hollywood starlet, Kirsten Dunst, but Long insists he's not interested in another A-list romance. "It's not something I would ever consider a good thing," he tells People magazine.

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celebrity briefs

Dion wants to try for another child

FAMILY Celine Dion will start trying for a second child when she completes her world tour, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer and her husband Rene Angelil welcomed son Rene-Charles in 2001 after undergoing fertility treatments.

Seven years later, Dion wants to attempt the process again, but she won't be too disappointed if she fails to conceive the second time around.

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celebrity briefs

Winehouse is not losing her voice

RUMOUR Singer Amy Winehouse has shot down rumours she could lose her voice because of drug use, insisting she is hard at work on her new album, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Winehouse was said to have returned to rehab last weekend, but it later emerged she had been treated at the London Clinic for a respiratory problem.

She has since posted a video on her website, telling fans she plans to release new material soon.

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Joe O'Neill



Joe's take on celebrities

I don't enjoy thinking about the **Olsen Twins**, but the crusading pinheads at PETA spent a few hours yesterday protesting the fact that the girls exercise their prerogative to wear, gasp, fur. You know PETA, the group that does its part to end cruelty to animals by showing us pictures of naked models and sending out such moral paragons like **Heather Mills McCartney** to publicly shame celebrities who choose to wear fur, eat meat, smile or tell them that the Easter Bunny doesn't exist.

PETA's targeting of the mini-moguls doesn't end with public demonstrations, though. They've also created an online game featuring characters named **Hairy Kate** and **Trashy Trollsen**, displaying the kind of rapier wit that always seems to grace people who are the most earnest about the least important things.

Now that the PETA loonies are stepping up their anti-Olsen onslaught, I'm no longer going to be able to perversely enjoy the sensation of my stomach turning as I watch their wretched performances in *New York Minute*, *It Takes Two* or *Full House* reruns. I'm going to have to sympathize with them.

Although, come to think of it, they spent their formative years around **Bob Saget**, which should be enough to earn them sympathy, even without PETA's antics.

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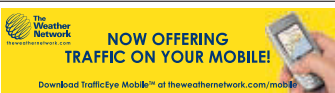


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Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Crossword across

- 1 Donkey
4 Easter entree
7 One-on-one battles
12 Have bills
13 Judge Lance
14 Swimming pool problem
15 Wardrobe malfunction
16 Deserted area
18 Stick with a kick
19 Hebrew prophet
20 Culture medium
22 Tex- —
23 TV clown
27 Shoe width
29 Partner of Stookey and Travers
31 Poetic feet
- 34 Libreville's country
35 Hit
37 Solemn promise
38 Disarray
39 Lemieux milieu
41 Ricki or Veronica
45 Luminaries
47 Monokini's lack
48 McCarthy-era goings-on
52 Perp. to vert.
53 Island greeting
54 Old French coin
55 Inseparable
56 Glisten
57 Conclude
58 Roulette bet

Crossword down

- 1 Heart line?
2 Benny Goodman's style
3 Anatomical walls
4 Way up there
5 In
6 Bullwinkle, for one
7 Information
8 Last (Abbr.)
9 Swelled head
10 Legisla-tion
11 D.C. VIP
17 Alluring
21 Picture puzzle
23 Bench-clearer
24 Sphere
25 Menagerie
26 Possess
28 Computer key at top left
- 30 Some time back
31 Doctrine
32 Noshed
33 "— Miniver"
36 Friends and neighbors
37 British Columbia city
40 Make happen
42 Detest
43 Money of Denmark
44 Word with "dog" or "jug"
45 Counterfeit
46 Poker variety
48 Vacillate
49 Unwell
50 Pirouette pivot
51 Half a dance?

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Recipe of the day



Poached Salmon with Dill Sauce

INGREDIENTS:
4 fresh or frozen and thawed salmon or halibut steaks, 3/4 inch thick (about 6 oz / 175 g each)
1 cup (250 mL) dry white wine or low-sodium chicken broth
1 small yellow onion, thickly sliced
2 lemon slices
4 sprigs parsley
4 whole black peppercorns

DILL SAUCE:
1 tbsp (15 mL) butter or margarine
1 tbsp (15 mL) all-purpose flour
2 tsp (10 mL) finely chopped fresh dill or 3/4 tsp (4 mL) dried dill weed
½ tsp (2 mL) sugar
1/8 tsp (0.5 mL) salt
1 large egg yolk, lightly beaten
1 tsp (5 mL) lemon juice

METHOD:
1. Rinse fish and pat dry. In a large skillet, combine the wine, onion, lemon slices, parsley and peppercorns. Bring to a boil. Arrange salmon in a single layer in wine mixture. Bring back to a boil. Lower the heat and simmer, covered, for

5 to 8 minutes or until fish flakes when tested with a fork. With a slotted spatula, carefully remove salmon from the skillet; keep warm. Strain and reserve 1 cup of the cooking liquid.
2. To prepare dill sauce, in a small saucepan, melt butter over moderate heat. Whisk in flour, dill, sugar and salt, and cook for 1 minute or until bubbly. Add reserved cooking liquid. Cook, whisking constantly, until mixture starts to thicken. Slowly stir about 1/2 cup (125 mL) of the hot mixture into egg yolk, then return this mixture to the saucepan. Cook, stirring constantly, for 1 to 2 minutes or until mixture thickens (do not boil). Stir in lemon juice.
3. Spoon some of the dill sauce over the salmon. Serve with remaining sauce.

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A friend's plans are delayed again. Monotony motivates a wanderer to go home. Someone seems to have all the right moves.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A good opinion is formed by having a makeover. A tense meeting will define your position. Devote some energy to a formidable relative.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Ask dangerous questions about significant news. An unpleasant person returns to old habits. An authority figure will make contact.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
An insecure person needs your consideration. Don't do things half-way. You'll be heard and understood by a macho man.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You'll be rewarded for chasing the blues away. A sidekick's timing is off. Knowledge of the past leads to a refreshing outcome.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Contact will be made with a panicky person. A fantastic fling will lead you astray. Resolve an issue by being fearless.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Quiet time can be yours if you insist. Ease your stress by improving a domestic situation. A trusted friend is thrilled to help.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
You can face the truth in an uncomfortable situation. A sensitive woman will fall deeply in love. An alarming problem changes everything.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Don't frighten others with your discipline. Memories will set off an emotional issue. A significant financial event will arise.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Be brave when dealing with magic and mystery. Somebody's grim resignation to fate will disturb you. Show your commitment to catch errors in time.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A woman is embarrassed about an accident. Punctuality leads to good luck. A dignified approach will increase distress.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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